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SUBJECT: INCIDENT ON MAY 14 AT YUGOSLAV MISSION

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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT CALLED ON YUGOSLAV CHARGE D'AFFAIRES JOB JJNE 11 TO DELIVER OUR NOTE VERBALE ON MAY 14 INCIDENT. BENNETT TOLD JOB THAT, WHILE ON BASIS POLICE REPORT WE MUST TAKE ISSUE WITH YUGOSLAV FACTURAL ALLEGATIONS, WE ARE ENTIRELY SYMPATHETIC WITH YUGOSLAV CONCERN OVER INCIDENTS OF THIS KIND AND WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO PREVENT THEIR REPETITION. CONCERNING DISPUTED ALLEGATIONS, BENNETT SAID IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN SUCH SITUATIONS TO SORT OUT THE FACTS IN A COOL AND DISPASSIONATE MANNER.

2. JOB SAID HE APPRECIATED BENNETT'S GESTURE IN COMING PERSONALLY WITH THE NOTE, HIS EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY, AND THE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE NOTE. HE SAID YUGOSLAV POLICY IS TO LET HOST COUNTRIES MAKE THE DECISIONS ON THE DEGREE OF PROTECTION NECESSARY TO ASSURE SECURITY OF YUGOSLAV MISSIONS; THUS IT HAD ACCEPTED THE DECISION A YEAR AGO TO DISCONTINUE THE 24-HOUR WATCH AT THE MISSION ITSELF (NOW COVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CUBAN MISSION AROUND  
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THE CORNER) SINCE THIS WAS BASED ON HOST COUNTRY'S ASSESSMENT

THAT THREAT NO LONGER REQUIRED IT, JOB NOTED HOWEVER THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A RECRUDESCENCE OF TROUBLE IN RECENT MONTHS.

3. JOB INSISTED THAT HIS MISSION ALSO WISHED TO STICK TO THE FACTS, IT TRUSTED THE ACCOUNTS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND IN THIS CASE HAD CHECKED AND RE-CHECKED THE STORY THREE TIMES. HE CONTENDED THE MERE FACT THAT THE MISSION DOORMAN HAD RUN TO THE POLICE IN A STATE OF PANTING EXCITEMENT SHOULD HAVE ALERTED THE POLICE THAT SOMKETHING DANGEROUS WAS HAPPENING, AND FURTHERMORE AS THE TWO INTRUDERS WERE LEAVING THE PREVISES THE DOORMAN TOLD THE PLLICE THAT A PISTOL HAD BEEN SEEN ON ONE OF THE MEN. IN VIEW OF THIS, JOB COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY POLICE HAD NOT CHECKED THE IDENTITY OF THE MEN BEFORE RE-LEASING THEM. JOB ADDED THAT, WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD NEW YORK POLICE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO KNOW THE NATIONAL HISTORIES OF 138 COUNTRIES, THE MISSION DID BELIEVE THAT THE POLICE SHOULD HAVE SOME BRIEFING ON THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS FACING YUGOSLAV INSTALLATIONS.

4. BENNNETT SAID POLICE EVIDENTLY CONSIDERED THIS INCIDENT A CASE OF ROUTINE BREAK-IN WITHOUT POLITICAL CONTENT, AND HE AGAIN OBSERVED THAT IN SUCH CASES BOTH SIDES SHOULD AVOID EX-AGGERATION AND STOCK TO THE FACTS.

5. MEETING WAS CONDIAL THROUGHOUT, AND JOB BORDERED OF EFFUSIVENESS IN HIS EXPRESSIONS OF GRATIFICATION OVER STRONG INTEREST SHOWN BY USUN IN THIS PARTICULAR EPISODE. COMMENT: USUN RESPONSE THIS TIME WAS KEYED DIRECTLY TO SOBER, SERIOUS APPROACH OF JOB TO INCIDENT IN CONTRAST HIS RANCOROUS EXAGGERATIONS IN EARLIER CASES. SCALI

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